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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
Northern District of California  
Oakland Division

## **NOTICE OF REFERRAL AND ORDER RE DISCOVERY PROCEDURES**

16 || TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

17 The district court has referred Plaintiffs' Motion for Protective Order and Motion to Compel,  
18 electronically filed on August 27 and September 16, 2010, respectively, which are discovery  
19 matters, to United States Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler. The Motion for Protective Order was  
20 noticed for October 1, 2010, and the Motion to Compel was noticed for October 22, 2010.

21 The Court **VACATES** the current hearing dates and **DENIES** the pending discovery motions  
22 without prejudice and directs the parties to comply with the procedures for addressing discovery  
23 disputes set forth in Judge Beeler's standing order (attached). Those procedures require, among  
24 other things, that if a meet-and-confer by other means does not resolve the parties' dispute, lead  
25 counsel for the parties must meet and confer **in person**. If that procedure does not resolve the  
26 disagreement, the parties must file a joint letter for each discovery dispute instead of a formal  
27 motion. If the parties are unable to resolve their disputes and proceed with the joint letter process  
28 required by the standing order, they shall file the joint letters no later than October 21, 2010. After  
reviewing the joint letters, the Court will evaluate whether further proceedings are necessary,

1 including any further briefing or argument.

2 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

3 Dated: September 28, 2010

  
4 LAUREL BEELER  
United States Magistrate Judge